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SUBJECT:TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE:
DRILLING BY READING AND BATES

REF: A. VALETTA 571 B. STATE 109446 C. TUNIS 3543

1. DEPARTMENT UNFORTUNATELY NOT ABLE TO SUGGEST ANY FUR-
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THER LEGAL RECOURSE TO DETER REALIZATION OF READING AND
BATES DRILLING OPERATION. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT LIABILITY
FOR SAFETY OF CREW WOULD, HOWEVER, BE A MAJOR CON-
STRAINT, AND SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE THIS POINT IN ANY
FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH READING AND BATES VICE PRESIDENT
TAPPMAYER.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPRISE TAPPMAYER OF IMPENDING U.S./
TUNISIAN EXERCISE PER REF C, AFTER WHICH TUNISIAN SHIP
BOURGUIBA IS TO BE DETACHED FOR ROUTINE PICKET DUTY IN
VICINITY OF PROPOSED DRILLING SITE.

3. SUGGEST THAT YOU ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER TAPPMAYER IS
AWARE OF ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WHICH WE UNDER-
STAND WAS OFFERED TO READING AND BATES BY BUTTES PETRO-
LEUM, PER REF B.

4. FOR TUNIS: CONCUR IN YOUR VIEW THAT PLANS FOR
ROUTINE JOINT EXERCISE NEED NOT BE CHANGED.

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